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SUBJECT: TRADE COMMITTEE NOV. 27-28

1. SUMMARY. TRADE COMMITTEE AGREED ON WORK PROGRAMS IN FIELDS OF COMMODITY TRADE AND EXPORT CONTROL MEASURES THAT WILL IN BOTH CASES LEAD TO EXAMINATION OF POLICY OPTIONS. TC ALSO APPROVED PROPOSALS FOR CONSULTATIONS ON PREPARATIONS FOR FEBRUARY MEETING OF UNCTAD COMMODITIES COMMITTEE. US DEL URGED ACCELERATION OF GOVERNMENT PURCHASING EXERCISE. TC TENTATIVELY AGREED TO MEET NEXT MARCH 4-5 FOR DISCUSSIONS THESE SUBJECTS. CHAIRMAN (HERMES, GERMANY) PROPOSED INFORMAL DISCUSSION OF OPERATION OF TRADE PLEDGE AT THAT TIME. END SUMMARY.

2. COMMODITIES. ALTHOUGH THERE WERE DIFFERENCES OF EMPHASIS AMONG DELEGATIONS, ALL AGREED TO INSTRUCT TC WORKING PARTY AND SECRETARIAT TO PROCEED WITH PROGRAM OF FACTUAL AND ANALYTICAL WORK GENERALLY AS LAID OUT IN SECRETARIAT'S DOCUMENT TC(74)18 "INCLUDING THE EXAMINATION OF POSSIBLE LINES OF POLICY AND OPTIONS H WHICH COULD THEN BE AVAILABLE TO MEMBER COUNTRIES."

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CANADA WAS LEAST ENTHUSIASTIC AMONG DELS CONCERNING

THIS PROGRAM, AND AUSTRALIA DOUBTED DESIRABILITY OF MOVING TO QUESTIONS OF POLICY, BUT BOTH ACCEPTED WISH OF MAJORITY. TCWP IS TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT VIEWS EXPRESSED DURING DEBATE, WHICH INCLUDED SUGGESTIONS BY US DEL (GLITMAN) ON PRIORITIES TO BE FOLLOWED. TC ACCEPTED THAT SECRETARIAT WILL SELECT SAMPLE COMMODITIES FOR STUDYING DIFFERENT ASPECTS OF QUESTION, WITH DUE CONSIDERATION TO COMPETENCE OF OTHER PARTS OF OECD.

3. US AND SEVERAL OTHER DELS STRESSED NEED FOR COORDINATION IN PREPARING FOR 8TH SESSION OF UNCTAD COMMITTEE ON COMMODITIES, BASED ON SECRETARIAT PAPERS ON INDEXATION AND INTEGRATED COMMODITIES PROGRAM PROPOSALS. COORDINATION EFFORT IS TO BE UNDERTAKEN AT TCWP MEETING DEC. 10-11, 2ND TCWP MEETING OF EXPERTS FROM CAPITALS IN JANUARY (PROBABLY AFTER 16TH, DATE ON WHICH HUIZEN OF EC COMMISSION SAID EC WILL MEET TO COORDINATE), AND 3RD MEETING, WHICH WILL BRING TOGETHER UNCTAD

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COMMITTEE DELEGATIONS EITHER IN TCWP OR IN AD HOC GROUP B MEETING IN GENEVA JUST PRIOR TO OPENING OF COMMITTEE ON COMMODITIES MEETING. (NOTE: RE GENEVA 6916, MISSION AND TC DEL WOULD WELCOME ACCREDITATION OF ALLEN FOR DEC 10-11 TCWP MEETING FOR REASONS INDICATED USOECD 26780.)

4. EXPORT CONTROL MEASURES. TC AGREED THAT WP SHOULD (A) "DEEPEN AND WIDEN" ANALYSIS OF EXPORT CONTROL PROBLEMS, WITH PARTICULAR REGARD TO MOTIVATIONS, AND (B) SET OUT THE "SPECTRUM OF POSSIBLE OPTIONS WITH RESPECT TO ISSUES WHICH MIGHT BE CONSIDERED TO STRENGTHEN INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION IN THE CONTEXT OF INTERNATIONAL NEGOTIATIONS." AUSTRALIA AND CANADA CLEARLY PREFERRED ANALYTICAL WORK TO POLICY OPTIONS, BUT THEY DID NOT OBJECT TO TC'S REQUEST THAT TCWP REPORT ON BOTH ASPECTS AT NEXT TC MEETING. DELS GENERALLY AGREED NEGOTIATIONS REFERRED TO WOULD PRESUMABLY BE IN MTN, BUT THEY AGREED ALSO THAT MANDATE SHOULD NOT BE THAT SPECIFIC. JAPANESE DEL ACCEPTED WORDING ON UNDER-UNCLASSIFIED

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STANDING IT DID NOT PREJUDICE QUESTION OF FUTURE WORK IN OECD.

5. GOVERNMENT PURCHASING. US DEL URGED THAT TCWP MAKE MORE RAPID PROGRESS ON GOVERNMENT PURCHASING. CANADIAN AND GERMAN DELS SUPPORTED US VIEW, WHILE ITALIAN DEL PLEADED FOR PATIENCE.

6. TRADE PLEDGE. FOLLOWING SECRETARIAT'S ORAL REPORT ON JUST-CONCLUDED XCSS MEETING, CHAIRMAN HERMES EXPRESSED VIEW THAT TC AND XCSS ROLES NEED TO BE CLARIFIED AND SPECIFICALLY THAT TC SHOULD AT NEXT MEETING CONSIDER QUESTION OF RENEWING TRADE PLEDGE. AT RESTRICTED, HEADS OF DELS DINNER NOV. 27, IT WAS GENERALLY AGREED THAT TC MIGHT IN INFORMAL DISCUSSION CONSIDER COMMERCIAL POLICY ASPECTS OF TRADE PLEDGE, BUT THAT THERE SHOULD BE NO SUGGESTION THAT PLEDGE MIGHT BE WEAKENED IN ANY WAY. SPECIFIC ACTUAL OR POTENTIAL ACTIONS THAT MIGHT CONTRAVENE PLEDGE WERE NOT RAISED EITHER AT DINNER OR IN TC SESSIONS.

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